



# Kirkland Parks & Community Services



## Experience It!

February 2019

### A STORM THAT WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

Each winter, Kirkland experiences small snow storms. Rarely do we see snow events like the one that began February 8th, 2019. No matter the size of the storm, Parks & Community Services Operations staff provide various services to the community. This year's extended snow event presented plenty of opportunity to serve. Those services include plowing around public buildings, including the Kirkland Justice Center, Fire Stations, City Hall and Community Centers, supporting Public Works in clearing streets and roads, and removing downed trees and limbs throughout the city and parks.

Beginning with the initial snowfall, our Operations team moved to a **24-hour schedule** for five days. Crews circulated the city with the motto *Plow, Shovel, Apply*. Two crews worked through the night moving between fire stations, ensuring emergency response crews were able to easily respond to

emergencies. Staff plowed driveways, shoveled sidewalks, and applied deicer and ice melt to limit ice formation.



*Heritage Park*

At one point, our crews helped the Fire department respond to a 911 call on Champagne Point by plowing the unpassable driveway to allow emergency personnel to respond to the 911 call.

Following the initial snowstorm, staff have remained busy working to clean up the aftermath of the storm. The heavy snow created significant tree failure throughout the community. Trees were unable to bear the weight of the snow causing many to drop limbs or completely fall. Heavy damage to ornamental trees, shrubs, and landscape beds can be seen throughout the city. Virtually no area of the city was left unscathed.

Recovery from the effects of the storm will last for months. In February, Operations staff completed 359 work orders directly related to the weather event, summing 1,428 labor hours, and the clean-up is far from complete. Staff are systematically going through site by site raking, pruning, cleaning, and chipping all the debris.

**Kudos to all Parks Maintenance staff who worked through the storm, especially Mike Stack, Jim Fitzpatrick, Ian Frost, Rob Martinson, Dave Johnson, and Jorge Dominguez for volunteering to cover the overnight shifts!**

# Parks Maintenance and Operations

## SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER

As weather permits, staff are preparing athletic fields for practices and games in anticipation of spring usage. This requires power-washing, cleaning, and turning over the infields. During inclement weather and cold temperatures, PMO staff spent some time this month refurbishing some tables and benches in preparation for summer time.

Special thanks go to team members Tracy, Oscar, & Brandyn for their work in creating two new gardening plots at Ohde Pea Patch before the start of the 2019 growing season.



*Ohde Pea Patch Construction*

Crews also began work replacing the playground at Terrace Park. Installation of the new playground will be completed in March.



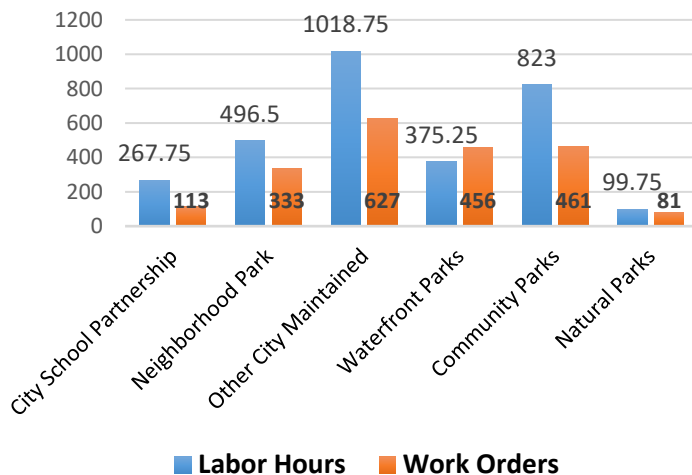
*Terrace Playground Installation*

We are pleased to introduce Kevin Ball as our new Parks & Community Service Parks Coordinator. Kevin began his service in this new capacity this month. He will begin developing the Park Ranger program and enhancing our volunteer offerings.

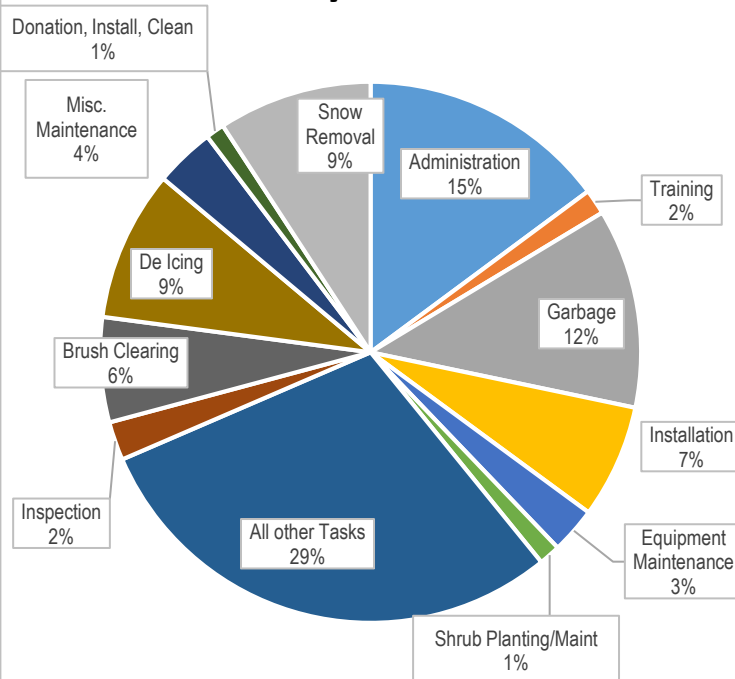
## WORK BY THE NUMBERS

- Chipped **15 yards** of limbs from parks
- Spread over **150 bags** of ice melt
- Removed over **100 trees** and large limbs from the streets and roads
- Hauled **24 flatbeds** of snow from Kirkland Justice Center parking lot
- Completed **359 Work Orders** totaling **1,428 labor hours**
- Staff labor directly attributable to weather event totaled **\$40,438**

## Work Completed By Park Type



## February Task Hours





# Recreation Services

## YOUTH SPORTS

**Pee Wee Multi-Sport Program:** Registration has already filled for this very popular program. Through the course of the 4-week program, children are introduced to a different sport each week, helping them learn basic motor skills including hand-eye coordination, running, and agility.

**Pee Wee Soccer:** Only 127 of the 420 available spots are remaining. You can sign up for this, or any program, online at [kirklandparks.net](http://kirklandparks.net).

**Pee Wee Basketball:** We had **113** 3-6-year-olds participate this winter. Huge thanks to our 14 volunteer coaches!



Pee Wee Basketball



Pee Wee Soccer

**Youth Basketball** program closes the 2019 season on Saturday, March 16. After a week of rescheduled games due to the snow, our final games will take place at Kamiakin Middle School on 3/9 and Kirkland Middle School on 3/16.

Our Pee Wee Sports program would not be possible without the help of our amazing volunteer coaches. More coaches mean more kids can participate. Coaches are needed for all age groups. If you are interested in coaching or want more information, please email Sean Conway, Recreation Supervisor, at [sconway@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:sconway@kirklandwa.gov).

## STAFFING

Interviews began for summer Day Camp Directors and Leaders in February. Staff are looking to fill 9 vacant positions between the North Kirkland Junior and Peter Kirk all day summer camps.

Recruitment for summer pool staff is in full swing. Interviews for guards and instructors will begin in late-March with training for new guards in May. Please contact Max Prophet, [mprophet@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:mprophet@kirklandwa.gov) for more information.

## CLASSES IMPACTED BY SNOW STORM

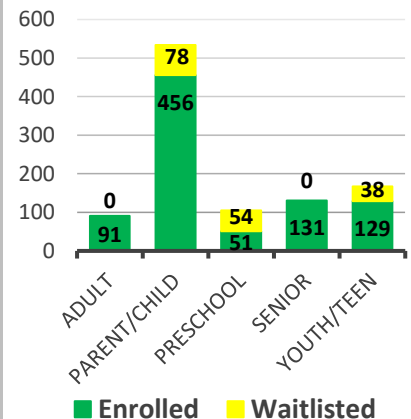
The winter storm forced the cancellation of 106 recreation classes. Staff worked with instructors to reschedule as many (47) of the cancelled classes as possible. Customers were understanding, stayed home during the inclement weather, and were happy to have make up classes offered when possible.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

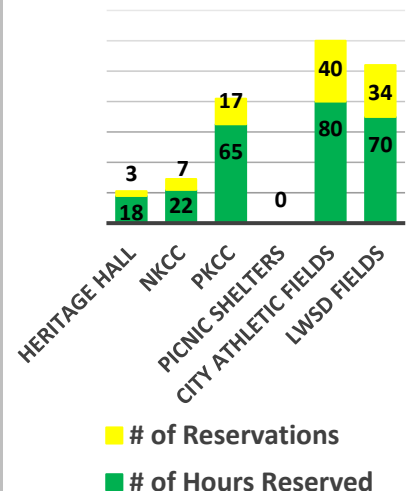
The Mermaid Ball Father Daughter Dance on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** is already sold out!

## RECREATION BY THE NUMBERS

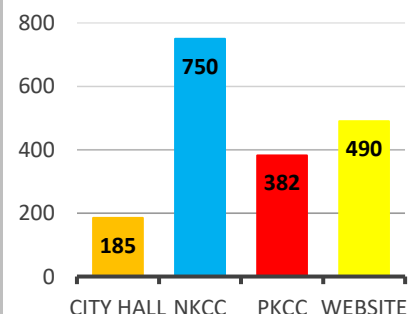
### Recreation Participation for Programs Beginning February 2019



### Facility Use February 2019



### Transactions By Location February 2019



# Green Kirkland Partnership

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

Most of our February volunteer restoration events were cancelled due to snow, ice, and the potential for falling trees and limbs. However, the Washington Conservation Corps was able to do some planting and/or maintenance work in Juanita Heights, O.O. Denny, Kiwanis, and Watershed parks and Stewards were able to host a few events early and late in the month at Juanita Heights, O.O. Denny, and Juanita Bay parks.



*Volunteer Event at Juanita Bay Park*

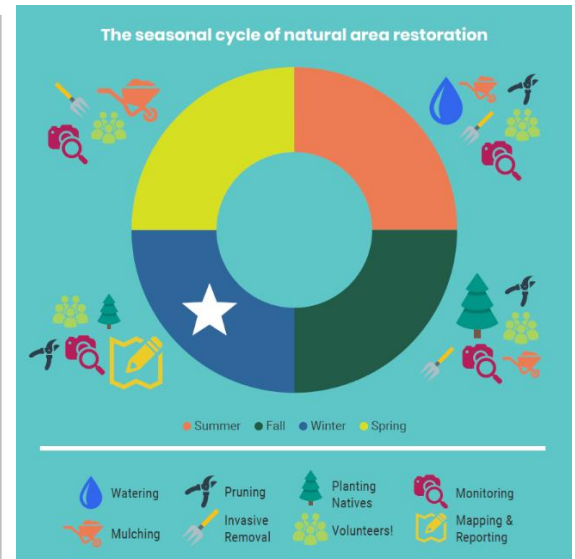
## STAFFING

Green Kirkland filled the new .5 FTE Program Assistant position. Jacob Gunden has been crew member and Assistant Supervisor for the Washington Conservation Corps and is currently a Steward with the Green Seattle Partnership. He has a degree in Cognitive Science, a certificate in Informatics, and experience in software development and data management. Jacob will primarily be helping Green Kirkland with volunteer and restoration data tracking and reporting as well as community outreach.

## UP NEXT

Green Kirkland will be submitting estimates to Kirkland's Capital Improvement Program for four to five years of required maintenance at the following mitigation sites: 98<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Quick Wins project in Juanita Bay Park, 124<sup>th</sup> Ave project at Forbes Lake E, and the Forbes A & B Advance Mitigation Project in Juanita Bay Park.

Date/Time	Location	Event
3.16.19 10AM to 1PM	Edith Moulton, McAuliffe, North Rose Hill Woodlands, Mark Twain, and Juanita Beach Parks	Global Youth Day study volunteer events with 150 youth
3.30.19 10AM to 1PM	McAuliffe Park	New Steward Orientation
4.13.19 10AM to 1PM	Location TBD	Steward Training: Field Skills and Plant ID
4.20.19 10AM to 2PM	Edith Moulton Park	Earth Day volunteer event

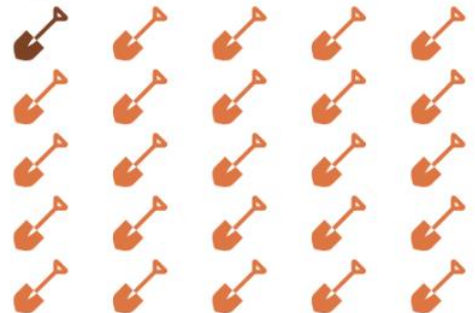


Progress toward goal of 10,973 volunteer hours\*



\*714 volunteer hours based on data received from Stewards & crews by 2.28.19

Progress toward goal of 12 new acres enrolled in 2019\*



\*12,000 square feet enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 2.28.19

Progress toward goal of 5,000 native plants installed in 2019\*



\*548 native plants installed based on data received from Stewards & crews by 2.28.19

# Special Events

## LEARNING FROM OTHERS

Staff attended the 2nd annual Municipal Special Events Summit. The conference is exclusively for municipal officials responsible for managing/permitting special events. In depth sessions offered insight into policy development, responsible planning to achieve compliance, safety/emergency response operations, interdepartmental/inter-agency coordination, current trends, best practices, community engagement and livability.



## SPECIAL EVENTS SERVICE TEAM

The Special Events Service Team welcomed the police department's new representative Sgt. Mike Vickers to the table. We thank outgoing representative, Sgt. Troy Knafla, for his support and service to the program. The team reviewed and approved several future events for permitting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
3.16.19	Kirkland Shamrock Run	Downtown Kirkland
3.17.19	Nowruz Celebration	Locke Pavilion at Marina Park
4.19.19	St. John's Ecumenical Good Friday Walk	105 State St. S Kirkland, WA 98033

The 2019 Events Calendar is available online at [kirklandwa.gov/specialevents](http://kirklandwa.gov/specialevents)

# Administration

## COMMUNICATIONS

Monthly reporting has been revised to provide improved communications with city residents. The goal is to have a report format that can be published online. Additionally, data is being compiled and collected for a 2018 annual report which will be released when completed.

## COST RECOVERY

The 2018 cost recovery study produced recommendations on financial policies and procedures. The first steps being taken after approval of the fiscal policy in December 2018 are work on the Business Partnership Policy and accounting infrastructure. Work has progressed and is nearing review and approval stages.

## SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The City's Munis software project implementation continues. Staff have attended several trainings and are involved with testing components of the HR portion of the software.

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Staff assisted the City with emergency operations for several days. The Department debriefed its portion of the inclement weather response and developed several suggestions for future events.

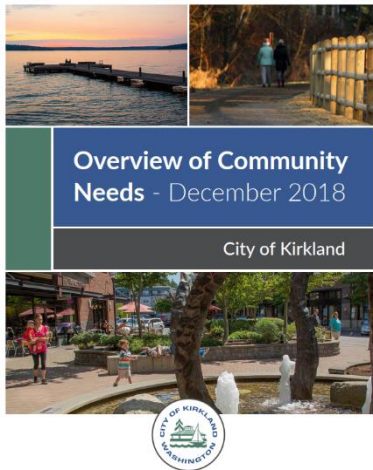
## LOOKING TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

Looking for a job with Parks and Community Services? Check out [kirklandwa.gov/parksjobs](http://kirklandwa.gov/parksjobs) for information.



# Human Services

## KIRKLAND COMMUNITY NEEDS OVERVIEW REPORT



When the City Council established the year-round Human Services Commission, one of the discussion items was whether the City needed to do a Kirkland-specific Community Needs Assessment to help guide the Commission's work. Both the 2017-2018 Human Services Commission Work Plan and the 2019-20 Human Services Commission Work Plan identified some level of needs assessment as a priority. During the January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting, the City Council received the "Overview of Community Needs December 2018" report prepared by BERK Consulting for the use of the Human Services Commission. The Human Services Commission reviewed the report at their February 26, 2019 regular meeting in anticipation of a regional 2021 Eastside Needs Assessment.

The report is posted online on the Human Services home page and the link to the pdf is available [here](#).

## EASTSIDE RACE AND LEADERSHIP COALITION RACE AND EQUITY SUMMIT

Friday, March 29th, 2019 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bellevue Presbyterian Church 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue WA 98004

This year's summit will focus on leadership from advocacy and racial equity lens presented by Burien Mayor Jimmy Matta and Kalika Curry.



## SENIOR COUNCIL NEWS

Effective April 1, 2019 Senior Council Meetings are moving to 1:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Peter Kirk Community Center.

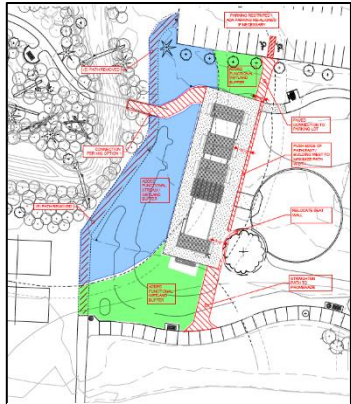
## COMING MARCH 2019



**Our Spring and Summer Brochure will hit mailboxes in Early March.**

**Registration opens for Spring and Summer Programs on March 14<sup>th</sup> at [kirklandparks.net](http://kirklandparks.net)**

# Park Planning and Development



*Juanita Beach Bathhouse*

## JUANITA BEACH BATHHOUSE RENOVATION

Staff anticipates resubmittal of the application in February, which will then need to go back through regulatory review. Upon approval, bidding is anticipated in late spring and construction in fall 2019.



*Totem Lake Park*

## TOTEM LAKE PARK

Staff continues to work with consultants to complete 90% design drawings to submit for permitting. Bidding timeline is anticipated for April 2019.



*Brink Park*

## BRINK PARK

A contract has been signed with Anchor QEA to develop 30% drawings for repairs at Brink Park. Timeline to complete this phase is one year. This project is funded from the dock and shoreline fund.



*132nd Square Park*

## 132ND SQUARE PARK MASTER PLAN

Staff continues to collaborate with the stormwater group on the possibility of integrating a synthetic turf field into the design of the stormwater retrofit project. A master plan process for the park's proposed synthetic turf fields has been included in the scope of work, which includes a community outreach process. The consultant (AHBL) is currently refining the project schedule and public outreach plan.

Date/Time	Location	Event
3.20.19 7:00PM	Friends of Youth 13116 NE 132nd Street	Evergreen Hill Neighborhood Association. Staff will provide an update for neighborhood association members
3.26.19 6:00PM to 8:00PM	Totem Lake Building The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 13220 NE 132nd Street	Staff will share the new park projects and learn what's important to you about 132nd Square Park. A park master plan will be created for the park and we want to know your thoughts.